

# **WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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## **MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**September 23, 2016**

### **I. Call to Order.**

The special telephonic meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by Chairperson Glenn Parker at 11:03 a.m. on September 23, 2016 at the following locations:

- (a) Whittier City Hall, Administration Conference Room, 13230 E. Penn Street, Whittier, California.
- (b) Brea Civic and Cultural Center, Hickory Conference Room, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.
- (c) Los Angeles River Center & Gardens, Los Feliz Room, First Floor of California Building, 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100, Los Angeles, California.

### **II. Administration of oath:**

- (a) **Administration of oath of office to Ms. Ruth M. Low, representing the City of Diamond Bar.**

Staff Counsel administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Ruth M. Low.

### **(b) Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Glenn Parker, Chair (Brea), Bob Henderson (Whittier), Ruth M. Low (River Center), Claire Schlotterbeck (Brea), Jane L. Williams (Whittier), Ryann Gill (Brea). Quorum present. The location where the Board member participated is shown in parentheses.

The following members were absent: Michael Hughes, Kelly Elliott, Dickie Simmons.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Oscar Victoria, Staff Counsel; Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Public present: Andrea Guillo, Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Whittier); Steve Blagden, La Habra Heights (Brea).

- III. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items notices as public hearings, all public comments shall be heard during the public comments section of the agenda. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak.**

Comments were made by Mr. Blagden.

- IV. Governing Board and staff response to public comment. At this time the Governing Board and staff will respond to public comment and questions.**

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

**V. Consent calendar:**

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2015.**
- (b) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (d) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution adopting budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**

Item V(a) was removed from the consent calendar.

A roll-call vote was administered. On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

**V(a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2015.**

A roll-call vote was administered. On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Item VI(a) was approved. Ms. Low abstained.

**VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a) application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to acquire park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road; b) entering into a project agreement for funds from 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14); and c) approval of adoption of a youth employment plan.**

Report was made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Henderson.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mses. Low, Williams and Schlotterbeck, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, Ms. Low and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Low, the Chair and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Low.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Henderson.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Williams.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Henderson.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 16-01, as amended was unanimously adopted.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition and acquisition services.**

Item VII was tabled by the Chair.

**VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed House of Representatives (Royce) bill to establish the Santa Ana Mountains to Sea National Monument, portions of Santa Ana Mountains, Cleveland National Forest, and other lands in Orange County.**

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Henderson and the Chair.

**IX. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code which provides as follows:**

**"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda."**

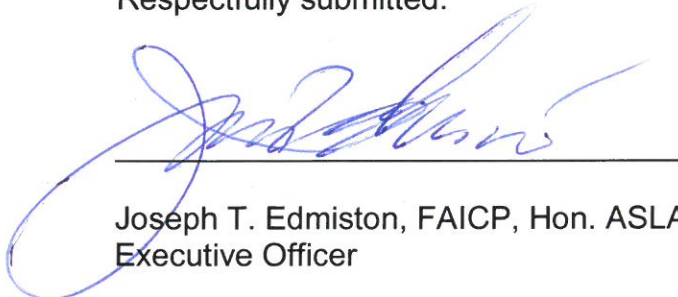
**X. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



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Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA  
Executive Officer



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Glenn Parker  
Chairperson

**WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

September 23, 2016 — Agenda Item V(e)  
Resolution No. 16-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ADOPTING BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

*Resolved*, That the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority adopts the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.



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Chairperson

AYES: Parker, Gill, Henderson, Low, Schlotterbeck, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Hughes, Elliott, Simmons

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2016.

Dated: 9/23/16



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Executive Officer



**WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

September 23, 2016 — Agenda Item VI  
Resolution No. 16-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A) APPLICATION TO THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE PARK AND NATURAL LANDS  
IN THE PUENTE HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EAST  
OF COLIMA ROAD; B) ENTERING INTO A PROJECT  
AGREEMENT FOR FUNDS FROM 1996  
PROPOSITION A SECTION 3(B)(14);  
AND C) APPROVAL OF ADOPTION  
OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved,* that the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority hereby:

1. FINDS that there are park and natural lands in the Puente Hills wildlife corridor east of Colima Road that are biologically valuable elements of the wildlife corridor; and
2. FINDS that the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
3. CERTIFIES that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
4. CERTIFIES that through this resolution the application for the above referenced project is approved for submission to the District; and
5. CERTIFIES that it will be required to provide additional funding for the above project if the requested grant funds are insufficient to complete said project; and
6. CERTIFIES that it understands its obligation to operate and maintain the property in perpetuity, as applicable; and
7. CERTIFIES that Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the Project Agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
8. APPROVES the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
9. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated September 23, 2016; and.
10. AUTHORIZES the filing of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for funds from 1996 Proposition A Section 3(b)(14) to acquire park and natural lands in the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor east of Colima Road; and
11. AUTHORIZES entering into a project agreement with the District for said funds; and
12. AUTHORIZES any necessary budget amendments; and



13. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the project as described in the application; and
14. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.



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Chairperson

AYES: Parker, Gill, Henderson, Low, Schlotterbeck, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Hughes, Elliott, Simmons

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Executive Officer